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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second (Social) Committee

1. The Second (Social) Committee considered the question of social development (agenda item 7) at its 1st to 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th meetings, from 13 to 16, 20 and 23 May 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice (E/1991/19);

(b) Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session; 1/

(c) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Women Lawyers, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/1991/NGO/1).

2. At the 1st to 6th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item concurrently with item 6 (World social situation). At the 1st meeting, on 13 May, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Social Development Division of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representative of France and by the observer for Luxembourg (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 6 (E/1991/26).

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 May, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Algeria and China and by the observer for Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand). The representative of the World Bank also made a statement. The observer for the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 15 May, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Morocco, Peru, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Mexico, the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia, Cameroon, Turkey, Czechoslovakia and Burkina Faso.

6. At the 4th meeting, on 15 May, statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Jamaica, Tunisia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Canada, Romania, the United States of America and Ecuador. Statements were also made by the observers for Suriname, Venezuela, the Philippines, Ghana, the Dominican Republic and Uganda.

7. At the 5th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Malaysia, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Bahrain and Japan and by the observers for the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and Mongolia.

8. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representative of Nicaragua and by the observer for Costa Rica. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Alliance of Women, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development

9. Chapter I of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session (E/1991/26) contained nine draft resolutions and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. It also contained a decision of the Commission that called for action by the Council. Three resolutions and two decisions of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Council.

Critical social situation in Africa

10. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Critical social situation in Africa" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution I).

Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development

11. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the representative of Austria orally proposed an amendment to draft resolution II, entitled "Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development". The amendment called for the replacement of operative paragraph 12, which read:

> "12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future",

by the following text:

> "12. Decides to consider the question of the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

12. The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 41 below, draft resolution II).

Establishing and strengthening national coordinating committees on disability or similar bodies

13. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Establishing and strengthening national coordinating committees on disability or similar bodies" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution III).

United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

14. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution IV).

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and related activities

15. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and related activities" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution V).

Integration of young people into society: participation, development, peace

16. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Integration of young people into society: participation, development, peace" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution VI).

Strategies for social development cooperation

17. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, entitled "Strategies for social development cooperation" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution VII).

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

18. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution IX, entitled "United Nations Research Institute for Social Development" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution VIII).

Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family

19. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Secretary of the Committee made the following statement in connection with draft resolution III entitled "Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family":

> "Upon a review of the activities proposed in draft resolution III as contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development (E/1991/26), the Secretary-General wishes to state that draft resolution III, if adopted, would not give rise to programme budget implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993."

20. At the same meeting, the representative of Austria orally proposed an amendment to operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution. The amendment called for the replacement of operative paragraph 12, which read:

> "14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session an item entitled "International Year of the Family" and to discuss it on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General",

by the following text:

> "14. Decides to consider the question of the International Year of the Family, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 41 below, draft resolution IX).

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission

22. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission" (see para. 42 below, draft decision I).

Programme questions

23. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Programme questions" (see para. 42 below, draft decision II).

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

24. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee decided to recommend, for confirmation by the Economic and Social Council, the candidates listed in Commission for Social Development decision 32/101 for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (see para. 42 below, draft decision III).

In-depth consideration of major social policy themes by the Economic and Social Council

25. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Austria introduced a draft decision (E/1991/C.2/L.2) entitled "In-depth consideration of major social policy themes by the Economic and Social Council".

26. At the 10th meeting, on 21 May, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 42 below, draft decision IV).

27. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Italy, on behalf of Australia, 2/ Cuba, 2/ France, Italy and New Zealand, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.3) entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice". Subsequently, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic 2/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft resolution, which then read as follows:

> The Economic and Social Council,
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> Aware of the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, in particular the organization of United Nations quinquennial congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,
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> Bearing in mind the important role of the United Nations in assisting Member States to formulate more effective strategies and policies to combat crime and humanize criminal justice systems,

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2/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Concerned about the escalation of crime in all its forms, particularly in its new dimensions and transnational forms, and the violence in many parts of the world, which threatens the international community, impinges on the enjoyment of basic human rights and has a negative impact on the development process,

Recognizing the urgent need for an adequate global response to those crimes that transcend national boundaries or for any other reasons require coordinated action between States, including strengthened international mechanisms to provide criminal justice personnel with ready access to information, facilitate the exchange of technical know-how, further promote international cooperation in this field and ensure adequate coordination for practical action programmes,

Determined to ensure the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and to make steady progress in their practical application,

Noting with concern the continuing increase in the workload of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, particularly in relation to the mandates entrusted to it by the Eighth Congress and by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/108 of 14 December 1990, the need to prioritize its programme and the need to confine its activities to the areas where a positive contribution can be made through international action,

Recalling its resolution 1990/27 of 24 May 1990, in which, inter alia, the General Assembly was invited to take appropriate measures to ensure the timely implementation and proper follow-up of the recommendations of the Eighth Congress,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/121 of 14 December 1990, in which, inter alia, the General Assembly welcomed the instruments and resolutions adopted by the Eighth Congress and requested the Secretary-General to review the resources required to enable the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with the new mandates,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice (E/1991/19);

2. Welcomes the fruitful and productive results of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and urges Governments to ensure the implementation of its conclusions and recommendations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to pay particular attention to the operational aspects of the resolutions of the Eighth Congress in order to assist interested countries in promoting human resources development, reinforcing their national machinery, undertaking joint training activities and executing pilot and demonstration projects, and invites the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat and other relevant agencies to consider giving more support to these endeavours;

4. Stresses the importance of General Assembly resolution 45/108 on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice in determining mechanisms for the more efficient focusing of the programme on those activities where the United Nations can make a positive contribution to the control of crime and requests the Secretary-General to assist in the proper organization of the intergovernmental working group and the ministerial summit meeting on the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme, as called for in that resolution;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of France to host the ministerial summit meeting in the second half of 1991;

6. Recommends that adequate provision be made for the participation of the representatives of the least developed countries who are members of the intergovernmental working group, as well as to ensure their participation at the ministerial summit meeting;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to use his best endeavours to provide resources within the existing level of the regular budget, as required, for public information activities related to the preparation and servicing of these two meetings;

8. Invites Governments to be actively involved and to provide their support to ensure the success of the ministerial summit meeting;

9. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Canada to establish in Canada a new international centre for criminal law reform and criminal justice policy as an institute affiliated with the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with the aforesaid Government as appropriate;

10. Requests the General Assembly to give priority attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the ministerial summit meeting, with a view to taking appropriate action thereon, leading to the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme;

11. Recommends that the General Assembly, in the light of this review, consider requesting the Secretary-General to enter into a commitment for the upgrading of the status of the Crime Prevention and

Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as called for in numerous General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, the most recent of which being Assembly resolution 45/108, in a way commensurate with its increased responsibilities and required professional expertise;

12. Recommends also that the Council give priority attention, at its regular session of 1992, to the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, in particular to its recommendations on the implications of the resolutions of the Eighth Congress for the programme of the United Nations system, as called for in General Assembly resolution 45/121, and recommends that the report be considered in 1992 under the sub-item "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

28. At the 13th meeting, on 22 May, the representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors, now joined by Canada, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.3/Rev.1). The revisions were as follows:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "in particular the organization of United Nations quinquennial congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders" were deleted;

(b) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "implementation of" were replaced by the words "continued focus on";

(c) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "in which" were replaced by the word "concerning" and the words "the General Assembly was invited to take appropriate measures to ensure" were deleted;

(d) In the eighth preambular paragraph, the words "inter alia, the General Assembly welcomed the instruments and resolutions adopted by the Eighth Congress and" were replaced by the words "the Assembly";

(e) In operative paragraph 2, the words "fruitful and productive" were replaced by the word "successful" and the word "appropriate" was inserted between the words "the" and "implementation";

(f) Operative paragraph 12 was replaced by the following text:

"12. Decides to give priority attention at its regular session of 1992 to crime prevention and criminal justice under a sub-item entitled 'Crime prevention and criminal justice'."

29. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following statement on the programme budget implications of the revised draft resolution:

"Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of the revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.3/Rev.1), the Economic and Social Council would recommend that adequate provision be made for the participation in

meetings of the intergovernmental working group of the representatives of the least developed countries which are members of the Group, as well as to ensure their participation at the ministerial summit meeting.

"Should the draft resolution be adopted, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund and seek voluntary contributions for paying travel and subsistence allowance expenses of representatives of the least developed countries who would participate in the activities referred to in paragraph 6 of the draft resolution."

30. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 41 below, draft resolution X).

Strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna

31. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Austria, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, 2/ the Dominican Republic, 2/ El Salvador, 2/ Jamaica, the Philippines, 2/ Poland, 2/ Romania, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.6) entitled "Strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna". Subsequently, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, 2/ Czechoslovakia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The draft resolution was also considered under item 9 (Advancement of women).

32. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was circulated in document E/1991/C.2/L.8.

33. At the 10th meeting, on 21 May, the representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the operative paragraph by replacing the words "Requests the Secretary-General to make specific recommendations in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1991-1993" by the words "Requests the Secretary-General to add to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 specific recommendations which do not increase the overall budget".

34. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.6/Rev.1), which incorporated the following changes:

(a) A fourth preambular paragraph was added, which read:

"Taking into account the programme budget implications provided by the Secretary-General contained in document E/1991/C.2/L.8";

(b) The operative paragraph was further revised to read:

"Requests the Secretary-General to add specific recommendations, within the overall level of the budget of the Organization, to the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to strengthen and rationalize the resources of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable it better to fulfil its mandates and carry out its activities in the social and related fields and for the advancement of women".

35. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 41 below, draft resolution XI).

Social development

36. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision (E/1991/C.2/L.19) entitled "Social development", proposed by him on the basis of informal consultations.

37. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Spain, France, Somalia, the Bahamas, Austria, the United States of America, Algeria, Czechoslovakia and Cameroon and the observer for Greece.

38. The representative of Austria proposed that the word "all" be inserted between the words "with" and "States Members".

39. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft decision V).

40. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of China made a statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE

41. The Second (Social) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I AND III-VIII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (E/1991/26), CHAP. I, SECT. A.]

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future 3/ and requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of, and follow-up action to, the Guiding Principles,

Reaffirming the continued importance and value of strategies and plans of action in different social policy areas directly related to the Guiding Principles, notably those concerning the status of women, ageing, youth and disabled persons, as well as crime prevention and drug abuse, based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 4/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 5/ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 5/ and the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 6/

Recalling its resolution 44/65 of 8 December 1989, in which it decided, inter alia, that social issues as conceived in the Guiding Principles should become a major part of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Stressing the validity of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/48 of 28 May 1987, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to redeploy resources to ensure appropriate follow-up action to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

Concerned about the lack of appropriate follow-up action to the comprehensive programme of the Guiding Principles in the regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Asia,

1. Reaffirms the validity of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future as a major framework for action at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of social welfare and development;

3/ E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

4/ Resolution 217 A (III).

5/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

6/ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on major issues and programme activities of the Secretariat and the regional commissions relating to social development and welfare and specific social groups; 7/

3. Stresses the interrelationship between economic growth and human welfare as one of the principal themes of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; 8/

4. Appeals to Governments to make use of the Guiding Principles and to apply their recommendations, as appropriate and in accordance with their national structures, needs and objectives, to inform the Secretary-General of problems in their implementation and to accelerate the follow-up action to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes;

5. Welcomes the inclusion of the implementation of the Guiding Principles in the medium-term plan for 1992-1997 9/ and the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, 10/ as requested in its resolution 44/65;

6. Urges the Secretary-General and the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to continue to include the implementation of the Guiding Principles in their programmes of work and to assist Governments, particularly those of the developing countries, in formulating appropriate social welfare policies in setting up effective programmes according to their needs;

7. Urges the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to give adequate attention to the recommendations for action at the regional level contained in the Guiding Principles;

8. Stresses the role of non-governmental and voluntary organizations in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Guiding Principles, particularly in social crisis management, as reflected in the proceedings of the international expert meeting on the role of voluntary organizations in crisis management: acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, drug abuse and mass migration as cases in point, held at Berlin, from 18 to 22 November 1990;

7/ E/CN.5/1991/3 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

8/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

9/ A/45/6 (Prog.25).

10/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

9. Urges Member States in all regions to initiate regional expert group meetings devoted to issues raised in the Guiding Principles and to translate their recommendations into specific social policy activities;

10. Welcomes the idea of holding regional conferences, for example, the Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Affairs within the European Region, to be held in Czechoslovakia in 1992, and the Fourth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development, to be held in the Philippines in October 1991;

11. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To strengthen the follow-up action to the Interregional Consultation by, inter alia, appropriately reflecting the Guiding Principles in global programmes and events, including the preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family; 11/

(b) To strengthen advisory services to Governments, especially those of developing countries, focusing on the policy, institution-building capacity, planning, administration and training aspects of developmental social welfare;

(c) To ensure that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Guiding Principles, is provided with sufficient resources, without incurring additional expenses, through the regular budget of the United Nations, for an effective follow-up to the Interregional Consultation;

(d) To reflect appropriately resource and programme requirements for monitoring the implementation of the Guiding Principles in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993;

(e) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress achieved in the implementation of and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles and the present resolution;

12. Decides to consider the question of the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

11/ See resolution 44/82.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989, in which it proclaimed 1994 as International Year of the Family, designated the Commission for Social Development as the preparatory body and the Economic and Social Council as the coordinating body for the Year, and requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of his report and in consultation with Member States, concerned specialized agencies and interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year,

Recalling also its resolution 45/133 of 14 December 1990, in which it invited Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as interested national organizations, to exert all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the Year, and requested the Secretary-General to finalize a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year and to submit it for consideration by the Commission for Social Development at its session in 1991 and by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session,

Conscious of the existence of various concepts of the family in different socio-political and cultural systems,

Noting with satisfaction that the unanimous proclamation by the General Assembly of 1994 as International Year of the Family has increased the awareness and highlighted the importance of family issues among Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as interested national organizations and, consequently, has promoted a better knowledge of the economic, social and demographic processes affecting families and their members and has focused attention on the equal rights and responsibilities of all family members,

Expressing its appreciation to Governments, specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned for the activities already taken up in support of the objectives of the International Year of the Family, thereby increasing awareness of family issues at local and national levels,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family", 12/

1. Approves for implementation the proposals of the Secretary-Gneral contained in his report;

2. Invites all Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to step up all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family;

3. Welcomes the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Voluntary Trust Fund for the Preparation for and the Observance of the Year;

4. Reaffirms its invitation to all States to take prompt action to establish national mechanisms, such as coordinating committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up the Year, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparation for and observance of the Year;

5. Requests the relevant United Nations preparatory and coordinating bodies for the Year to keep preparations for the Year under constant review;

6. Invites Governments to contribute, as far as possible, resources, including staff, to the secretariat of the Year;

7. Invites all Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as interested national organizations, to exert all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the Year and to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the Year;

8. Requests that in the planning and executing of programmes and activities for the Year, special attention should be given to socio-economic and cultural conditions in developing countries in the approach to family issues;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to provide effective means of coordination between the secretariat of the Year and the relevant non-governmental organizations in support of the Year;

12/ E/CN.5/1991/2.

10. Urges the Secretary-General to provide adequate staff to the secretariat of the Year and to reflect its strengthening in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the state of preparations for the Year;

12. Invites the Commission for Social Development to ensure that all plans, programmes and activities related to the family are in accordance with the concept of equality between women and men as expressed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 13/ and to ensure the incorporation into the programme of the Year of the principles relating to policies aimed at fostering equality between women and men, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General; 12/

13. Requests the Commission for Social Development to keep the Commission on the Status of Women informed of the preparations for the Year;

14. Decides to consider the question of the International Year of the Family, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Bearing in mind the important role of the United Nations in assisting Member States to formulate more effective strategies and policies to combat crime and humanize criminal justice systems,

Concerned about the escalation of crime in all its forms, particularly in its new dimensions and transnational forms, and the violence in many parts of the world, which threatens the international community, impinges on the enjoyment of basic human rights and has a negative impact on the development process,

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13/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

Recognizing the urgent need for an adequate global response to those crimes that transcend national boundaries or for any other reasons require coordinated action between States, including strengthened international mechanisms to provide criminal justice personnel with ready access to information, facilitate the exchange of technical know-how, further promote international cooperation in this field and ensure adequate coordination for practical action programmes,

Determined to ensure the continued focus on the conclusions and recommendations of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders 14/ and to make steady progress in their practical application,

Noting with concern the continuing increase in the workload of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, particularly in relation to the mandates entrusted to it by the Eighth Congress and by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/108 of 14 December 1990, the need to prioritize its programme and the need to confine its activities to the areas where a positive contribution can be made through international action,

Recalling its resolution 1990/27 of 24 May 1990 concerning, inter alia, the timely implementation and proper follow-up of the recommendations of the Eighth Congress,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/121 of 14 December 1990 in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to review the resources required to enable the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with the new mandates,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice; 15/

2. Welcomes the successful results of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and urges Governments to ensure the appropriate implementation of its conclusions and recommendations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to pay particular attention to the operational aspects of the resolutions of the Eighth Congress in order to assist interested countries in promoting human resources development, reinforcing their national machinery, undertaking joint

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14/ Report of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Havana, 27 August-7 September 1990 (A/CONF.144/28), chap. I.

15/ E/1991/19.

training activities and executing pilot and demonstration projects, and invites the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat and other relevant agencies to consider giving more support to these endeavours;

4. Stresses the importance of General Assembly resolution 45/108 on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice in determining mechanisms for the more efficient focusing of the programme on those activities where the United Nations can make a positive contribution to the control of crime and requests the Secretary-General to assist in the proper organization of the intergovernmental working group and the ministerial summit meeting on the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme, as called for in that resolution;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of France to host the ministerial summit meeting in the second half of 1991;

6. Recommends that adequate provision be made for the participation of the representatives of the least developed countries who are members of the intergovernmental working group, as well as to ensure their participation at the ministerial summit meeting;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to use his best endeavours to provide resources within the existing level of the regular budget, as required, for public information activities related to the preparation and servicing of these two meetings;

8. Invites Governments to be actively involved and to provide their support to ensure the success of the ministerial summit meeting;

9. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Canada to establish in Canada a new international centre for criminal law reform and criminal justice policy as an institute affiliated with the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with the aforesaid Government as appropriate;

10. Requests the General Assembly to give priority attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the ministerial summit meeting, with a view to taking appropriate action thereon, leading to the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme;

11. Recommends that the General Assembly, in the light of this review, consider requesting the Secretary-General to enter into a commitment for the upgrading of the status of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as called for in numerous General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, the most recent of which being Assembly resolution 45/108, in a way commensurate with its increased responsibilities and required professional expertise;

12. Decides to give priority attention at its regular session of 1992 to crime prevention and criminal justice under a sub-item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

DRAFT RESOLUTION XI

Strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the growing interest of Member States in the activities of the United Nations in the social and related fields and for the advancement of women,

Reiterating the various requests of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Council that issues in the social and related fields receive greater attention as well as resources,

Recalling section IV of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to propose a comprehensive restructuring of United Nations entities in Vienna with a view to a speedy implementation of the express wish of the General Assembly to strengthen the United Nations Office at Vienna,

Taking into account the statement submitted by the Secretary-General concerning programme budget implications, 16/

Requests the Secretary-General to add specific recommendations, within the overall level of the budget of the organization, to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to strengthen and rationalize the resources of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable it better to fulfil its mandates and carry out its activities in the social and related fields and for the advancement of women.

42. The Second (Social) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

16/ E/1991/C.2/L.8.

DRAFT DECISION I

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session, and endorses the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Review of the world social situation.

Under this item the Commission will review social conditions and issues of global concern, giving particular emphasis to the context of the changing world economy and the implications of these changes for social policies and programmes. Special attention will be given to the actual situation and particular problems in Africa and the least developed countries.

Emphasis will be placed on the review of new approaches and methods for the solution of problems based, inter alia, on recent national experience.

Documentation

1993 Report on the World Social Situation

Report of the Secretary-General on the critical social situation in Africa (draft resolution I above)

4. Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action.

Under this item, the Commission will monitor the implementation of international plans and programmes of action - specifically, the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, the guidelines for further planning and suitable

follow-up in the field of youth, the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992) - and their follow-up arrangements, as well as the social components of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. In its capacity as preparatory body for the International Year of the Family, the Commission will review progress made in the preparation for and the observance of the Year, and will offer guidance for possible follow-up action to the Year.

The Commission will review concurrently the relevant activities of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in the field of social development, including technical cooperation activities, in particular those relating to social planning and national capacity-building in social policy design and implementation, and to developmental social welfare, cooperatives, community and local-level action and family issues, as well as activities, reports and strategies relating to youth, ageing and disabled persons. The Commission will receive reports from the regional commissions on their social development and social welfare activities, as well as reports on relevant expert group meetings.

The Commission will also consider under this item a sub-item for in-depth discussion entitled "Development of a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the year 2000, with particular emphasis on national policies".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the major issues and programme activities of the Secretariat and the regional commissions relating to social development and welfare and specific social groups (Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/20 and draft resolutions II, IV, V, VI and VII above)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family (draft resolution III above)

Report of the meeting of experts, to be held in Vancouver, Canada, in 1992, in conjunction with the conference entitled "Independence 1992" on the subject of a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action concerning disabled persons to the year 2000 and beyond (draft resolution V above)

Report of the ad hoc open-ended working group to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons (Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/26 and Commission resolution 32/2 above)

Note by the Secretary-General containing a draft calendar of activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace and a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond (draft resolution VII above)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (draft resolution VIII above)

5. Priority subjects.

Under this item, the Commission will consider in depth the social consequences of population growth and changing social conditions with particular emphasis on the family, bearing in mind the various concepts of the family in different political, social and cultural systems.

The Commission will consider the conclusions and recommendations of relevant expert group meetings, focusing on policy measures and taking into account the special concerns of the developing countries.

Documentation

Report of the expert group meeting on the social consequences of population growth and changing social conditions with particular emphasis on the family

6. Other matters.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the draft proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

7. Provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-third session.

DRAFT DECISION II

Programme questions

The Economic and Social Council, reaffirming the importance of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, and the need to translate them into concrete action, decides to request the Secretary-General to identify the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for social policy research and advisory services for countries undergoing economic and social policy adjustment and to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the progress achieved in that area.

DRAFT DECISION III

Confirmation of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council, on the nomination by the Commission for Social Development, in its decision 32/101, decides to confirm the following candidates for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for a four-year term, beginning on 1 July 1991:

Kinhide MUSHAKOJI (Japan);

Guillermo O'DONNEL (Argentina);

Rehman SOBHAN (Bangladesh);

Fahima CHARAF-EDDINE (Lebanon);

Georgina DUFOIX (France).

DRAFT DECISION IV

In-depth consideration of major social policy themes by the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council takes note of Commission for Social Development resolution 32/3 17/ and decides to consider the recommendations contained in that resolution at its organizational session for 1992.

17/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 6 (E/1991/26), chap. I, sect. D.

DRAFT DECISION V

Social development

The Economic and Social Council, taking into account the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session 18/ and bearing in mind the discussions held in the Second (Social) Committee at its first regular session of 1991, decides to request the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with all States Members of the Organization on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development and to report to it on the matter at its regular session of 1992.

18/ E/1991/26.